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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: SESSIONAL COMMITTEE DEBATE ON LOS:51 (III)
SEABEDS

1. SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I CONCLUDED DEBATE ON SEABEDS
ITEM 4(B) RESOLUTION 51 (III). SESSIONAL COMMITTEE
TOOK NOTE OF THE UNCTAD REPORTS (TD/B492 AND TD/B/483)
AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT CONTINUE ITS
STUDIES AS MANDATED BY RESOLUTION 51 (III).

1 1/2. FEW STATEMENTS ON SEABEDS MADE ONLY BY CHILE, MEXICO,
INDIA, PERU, SRI LANKA, AUSTRALIA, AND US. CHILE,
MEXICO AND INDIA SUPPORTED FINDINGS OF UNCTAD DOCUMENTS
AND DESIRE CONTINUATION OF STUDIES TO DETERMINE ADVERSE
ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF SEABED MINING ON LAND PRODUCERS AND
ANALYZE ALTERNATIVE MEASURES WHICH WOULD MITIGATE ADVERSE
EFFECTS.

2. AUSTRALIA MADE POINT THAT SEABED MINING CONCERNS NOT
ONLY LDC PRODUCERS, BUT ALSO OTHER PRODUCERS
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AND CONSUMERS. AUSTRALIAN DEL NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH

IMPLICATIONS OF SEABED MINING SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW, IT MIGHT BE MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE LOS DISCUSSIONS IF THE SECRETARIAT WOULD EXPLORE THE TYPE OF MACHINERY WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED TO MONITOR THE OVERALL SITUATION OF LAND AND SEA-BASED MINERAL MINING.

3. SWITZERLAND ON BEHALF OF GROUP B STATED THAT SEABED ISSUE IN HANDS OF LOS IS BEING CONSIDERED BY EXPERTS. UNCTAD SHOULD NOT ACT IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD PREJUDGE LOS OUTCOME.

4. US DEL MADE BRIEF STATEMENT DRAWING ON POSITION PAPER. STATEMENT BEING POUCHED.

5. STATEMENTS BY GROUP B COUNTRIES TOUCHED OFF RESPONSE BY SEVERAL LDC'S WHICH CHALLENGE GROUP B CRITICISM OF UNCTAD STUDIES POINTING OUT THAT SECRETARIAT DIRECTED TO MAKE AND CONTINUE STUDIES AS DIRECTED BY RESOLUTION 51 (III).

6. AUSTRALIA AND GROUP B SPOKESMAN RECALLED RESOLUTION 51 (III) ADOPTED WITH MANY ABSTENTIONS AND ONE VOTE OPPOSED.
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